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November 30, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL TO AMEND TRANSPORTATION OVERFLOW SERVICES
AGREEMENT
(ALL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to amend the term of Transportation Overflow Services Agreements with 22 ambulance companies.

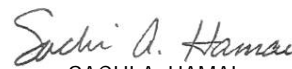
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Interim Director of Health Services (Interim Director), or his designee, to execute an Amendment to the Transportation Overflow Services Agreements (TOSA) with the 22 designated ambulance companies listed on Attachment A, effective on Board approval, to extend the term of the Agreements on a month-to-month basis for up to one year, for the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, at an estimated cost of \$3.4 million.

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#20 NOVEMBER 30, 2010


SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Interim Director to execute an amendment to the current TOSAs, Exhibit I, to extend the term of each Agreement on a month-to-month basis at the discretion of the Interim Director, effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, for the continued provision of non-emergency ambulance transportation overflow services by the Department of Health Services (DHS), while DHS completes the comprehensive service review process currently underway to develop an updated service agreement. The current agreements expire December 31, 2010.

In January of this year DHS' Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMS) began revising the current Agreement to incorporate policy changes and update service requirements that would maximize and improve these services while reducing, where possible, the program's costs. One of the issues raised during these discussions, was the need to provide adequate advance notice of impending changes to qualified providers to facilitate continued participation. This collaborative process, while yielding positive results, has prolonged the time required to produce an effective successor Agreement that meets both constituent and County needs. Therefore, DHS is requesting an extension of the current Agreement in order to effectively conclude this process.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports Goal 4, Health and Mental Health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated maximum obligation for transportation overflow services for the period of January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011, is \$1.7 million and is included in DHS's Fiscal Year 2010-11 Final Budget.

The estimated maximum obligation for these services for the period of July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 is \$1.7 million and will be requested in DHS' Fiscal Year 2011-12 Proposed Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

For a number of years, the County has contracted with private operators for the provision of patient transportation services on an as-needed basis, at the Advanced Life Support (ALS) or Basic Life Support Services (BLS) level, when County vehicles are unavailable to provide these services (i.e., the non-emergent transport of County patients between and among their homes and: County hospitals, health, custody, or court facilities; State mental and other governmental hospital and health facilities; and private hospitals and health facilities).

On December 13, 2005, your Board approved the execution of TOSAs with 18 non-emergency ambulance transportation companies, effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010, with an annual estimated net County cost of \$2,130,000, and authorized the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to offer and sign substantially similar agreements with any other interested and County-licensed ambulance and ambulate operators. Since that time, four additional non-emergency ambulance transportation companies have contracted with the County to provide these services.

DHS's EMS Agency is requesting authority to sign extension amendments for the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 with 22 non-emergency ambulance transportation companies for the continuation of patient transportation services on an as needed overflow basis when County vehicles are unavailable to provide these services in Los Angeles County.

The County or Contractors may terminate the Agreement with or without cause by giving the other party at least 30 days prior written notice.

County Counsel has approved Exhibit I as to use and form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the provision of non-emergency ambulance transportation overflow services to continue uninterrupted.

CONCLUSION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the provision of non-emergency ambulance transportation overflow services to continue uninterrupted.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Schunhoff", with a stylized, cursive script.

JOHN F. SCHUNHOFF, Ph.D.
Interim Director

JFS:cc

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

TRANSPORTATION OVERFLOW PROVIDERS

COMPANY	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
Allen Ambulance Service	9602 S. Central Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90002	(323) 732-9156
AmbuServe, Inc.	15105 S. Broadway Avenue Gardena, CA 90248	(310) 644-0500
American Medical Response	1055 W. Avenue J Lancaster, CA 93534	(661) 947-1234
Americare Ambulance Service	1059 E. Bedmar Street Carson, CA 90746	(310) 835-9390
Antelope Ambulance Service	169 W. Avenue J-5, Suite A Lancaster, CA 93534	(661) 951-1998
Bowers Ambulance	3355 E. Spring Street, Suite 301 Long Beach, CA 90806	(562) 988-6460
Care Ambulance Service	1517 Braden Court Orange, CA 92868	(714) 288-3800
Emergency Ambulance Service	3200 E. Birch Street, Suite A Brea, CA 92821	(714) 990-1742
Gerber Ambulance Service	19801 Mariner Avenue Torrance, CA 90503	(310) 542-6464
Guardian Ambulance Service	1854 E. Corson Street, Suite 1 Pasadena, CA 91107	(626) 792-3688
Impulse Ambulance	12531 Vanowen Street North Hollywood, CA 91605	(818) 982-3500
Liberty Ambulance	14109 Pontlavoy Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670	(562) 741-6230
Mauran Ambulance Service	1211 First Street San Fernando, CA 91340	(818) 365-3182
MedReach	1303 Kona Drive Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220	(310) 781-9395
Mercy Ambulance Service	8218 S. Garfield Avenue Bell Gardens, CA 90201	(877) 486-3729
Patriot Ambulance, Inc.	13437 Inglewood Avenue Hawthorne, CA 90250	(310) 973-7494
Priority One Medical Transportation	740 S. Rochester Avenue, Suite E Ontario, CA 91761	(800) 600-3370
Rescue Services International	5462 Irwindale Avenue Irwindale, CA 91706	(626) 385-0440
Economy Transport LLC dba SafeCare Transportation	3521 Lomita Boulevard, Suite 102 Torrance, CA 90505	(888) 588-6777
Schaefer Ambulance Service	4627 W. Beverly Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90004	(323) 469-1473
WestCoast Ambulance Service	6739 Victoria Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90043	(800) 880-0556
Westmed/McCormick Ambulance	13933 S. Crenshaw Boulevard Hawthorne, CA 90250	(310) 219-1779

Contract No. _____

TRANSPORTATION OVERFLOW SERVICES AGREEMENT

AMENDMENT NO. 1

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of
_____, 2010,

by and between

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
(hereafter "County"),

and

(hereafter "Contractor").

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain document entitled
"TRANSPORTATION OVERFLOW SERVICES AGREEMENT," dated
_____, and further identified as County Agreement No. _____
(hereafter referred to as "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, County has determined that Transportation Overflow Services provided
by Contractor continue to be in the best interests of the County; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to extend the Agreement on a month-to-month basis
for up to a one (1) year period, to and including December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Agreement provides that changes may be made in the form of a written
amendment which is formally approved and executed by the parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. Subparagraph A of Paragraph 1, TERM, of the Agreement shall be deleted in
its entirety and replaced with the following:

"A. This Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2006, and shall be extended on a month-to-month basis at the discretion of the Interim Director, for up to a one (1) year period, to and including December 31, 2011. This Agreement, however, may be sooner cancelled or terminated (in whole and in part by the County) at any time, without cause, by either party upon giving at least thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice thereof to the other party."

2. Except for the changes set forth hereinabove, the wording of Agreement shall not be changed in any respect by this Amendment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be executed by its Interim Director of Health Services and Contractor has caused this Amendment to be executed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D.
Interim Director

Contractor

By _____
Signature

Printed Name

Title _____
(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Andrea Ordin, County Counsel